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EO 11652: N/A  
TAGS: MTN, ETRD  
SUBJECT: MTN: TROPICAL PRODUCTS NEGOTIATIONS

1. AT THE REQUEST OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE GATT SECRETARIAT HAS ISSUED A REVISION OF ITS' EARLIER COMPILATION OF OFFERS BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITHIN THE TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP. (MTN/TP 2/REV COPY BEING HAND CARRIED TO STR-LANDE BY STR-DONALD ABELSON.) THE 454 PAGE COMPILATION NOW ALSO INCLUDES THE INITIAL OFFERS MADE BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN GROUPS AGRICULTURE, NON TARIFF MEASURES AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TARIFFS.

2. CONCERNING THE US TROPICAL PRODUCTS OFFER, THE PUBLICATION CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT "--- INCLUDES THE UNITED STATES OFFER AT THAT TIME, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WHICH IT IS UNDERSTOOD CONTINUES TO BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS WITH INTERESTED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."

3. COMMENT: COMPILATION WILL PRESUMABLY BE SENT BY LDC DELEGATION TO CAPITALS FOR STUDY AND EVALUATION. WHILE MANY LDC REQUESTS INITIALLY MADE IN THE TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP HAVE BEEN RESPONDED TO BY OFFERS MADE IN OTHER GROUPS, THE COMPILATION DOES PERMIT RAPID IDENTIFICATION OF THOSE DC SENSITIVE AREAS IN WHICH OFFERS HAVE NOT BEEN MADE. GATT SECRETARIAT UNDERSTANDS THAT LDC'S HAVE ASKED TP GROUP CHAIRMAN, AMBASSADOR MARTINEZ OF ARGENTINA, TO SEE WHETHER HE COULD GET OTHERS TO AGREE TO CONVENE FORMAL TP GROUP MEETING. WE WILL, OF COURSE, DO WHAT WE CAN TO DEFLECT THIS MOVE INTO AN INFORMAL OR EXPANDED 7 PLUS 7 MEETING.

4. DRAFTED BY KNEPPER. MCDONALD

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